HON'BLE SHRI G.S. SINGHVI, THE CHIEF JUSTICE

WRIT PETITION No.15525 OF 1995

Between:

M. Venkata Rao and four others

……Petitioners

And

Government of A.P.,

rep. by its Secretary,

Employment and Social Welfare (B")

Department, Hyderabad and

four others

……Respondents

:: ORDER ::

Counsel for the petitioners : None

Counsel for Respondent Nos.1 to 3 : Government Pleader for

Social Welfare

Counsel for Respondent Nos.4 and 5 : None

Dated: 29-03-2006

In this petition, the petitioners have prayed for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondent Nos.2 and 3 to issue scheduled tribe certificates in accordance with G.O.Ms.No.371, dated 13-04-1976 issued by Employment and Social Welfare Department.

Although no one has appeared on behalf of the petitioners, I do not consider it proper to dismiss the writ petition in default and feel that ends of justice would be met by directing respondent Nos.2 and 3 to consider the pending representations of the petitioners for grant of scheduled tribe certificates and decide the same in accordance with G.O.Ms.No.371, dated 13-04-1976.

Learned Government Pleader also agrees that the Court may dispose of the writ petition by directing the concerned authorities to decide the representations made by the petitioners for grant of scheduled tribe certificates.

In view of the above, the writ petition is disposed of with the following directions:

1. Within two months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order, respondent Nos.2 and 3 shall decide the representations made by the petitioners for grant of scheduled tribe certificates in accordance with G.O.Ms.No.371, dated 13-04-1976 and circulars issued by the Government from time to time. The orders passed by the competent authority shall be communicated to the petitioners at the end of two months period.

2. If the representations of the petitioners have already been decided but the decision has not been communicated to them, then the concerned authority shall do the needful within two months from the date of receipt of copy of this order.

3. If the representations of the petitioners have already been decided and the decision had been conveyed to them, then the competent authority need not take any further action in the matter.

G.S. SINGHVI, CJ

29-03-2006

Note: The Registry is directed to forward a

copy of this order to the petitioners

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